

WYCOMBE WANDERERS lost another of their top forwards this week when Steve Perrin signed a two year contract with professionals Crystal Palace. But while the Blues lost one player, they gained another. John Delaney who spent four years with Wycombe before signing for Bournemouth, has rejoined after two years with the club.

Perrin's departure comes as no real surprise. He scored the remarkable number of 59 goals in two seasons with Wanderers and was watched by many professional clubs last term. He said the offer was too good a chance to turn down and signed a two year contract on Tuesday morning.

There was no fee involved in the deal which was arranged between the Palace and Wycombe managers, Malcolm Allison and Brian Lee, and the player. Instead, Palace will bring down their first team for a game next season. Perrin's contract with Wycombe is likely to be cancelled.

Perrin's departure will leave a massive gap for the Wycombe manager to fill. Already Keith Searle, last season's centre-forward, has joined another club, and Perrin's strong running and excellent finishing will be sadly missed.

But while the front line looks a little thin at the moment, the defence should be stronger than ever. John Delaney will play alongside Keith Mead at centre back and his two year's experience at Bournemouth will be immensely useful. Delaney himself is raring to go and feels he has a good deal to offer Wycombe, even at the age of 34. He will travel up from Dorset to train with the Blues for the next two weeks.

Delaney's arrival, however, means there is no place for last season's captain Alan Phillips who was in tremendous form by the end of the season. Alan is expected to return to his former club, Hendon.



JOHN DELANEY



STEVE PERRIN

## SENIOR CUP

THE Berks and Bucks F.A. announced the draw for their Senior Cup competition this week, which Wycombe Wanderers will enter at the first round stage instead of the third, as part of their 'punishment' for refusing the trophy after beating Thatcham in last season's final. The refusal was Wycombe's form of protest against the Counties' decision not to allow them entry into the London Senior Cup.

Wanderers, along with Bracknell, Chalfont St Peter and Maidenhead are exempt until the first round proper. Abingdon Town, Windsor and

Eton, Milton Keynes and Chesham do not come in until the second round and Slough, Rivet Sports, Thatcham and Wokingham are exempt until the third round.

### FIRST PRELIMINARY ROUND:

Hungerford Town v Maidenhead Town, M.G. Athletic v Hazells, Aylesbury United v Amersham Town, Didcot Town v Burnham, Buckingham Town v Newbury Town, Wolverton Town v Olney Town, Wantage Town v Wallingford Town.

Bye: Marlow.

**Second preliminary round:** M.G. or Hazells v Hungerford or Maidenhead, Wantage or Wallingford v Wolverton or Olney, Buckingham or Newbury v Didcot or Burnham, Aylesbury or Amersham v Marlow.